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SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 10 MEETING OF NORTH/SOUTH GROUP

1. SECRETARIAT HAS CIRCULATED ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR NORTH/SOUTH GROUP MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 10 PENDING AGREEMENT ON RESUMPTION OF CIEC SEPTEMBER 13. AGENDA CALLS FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON TWO TOPICS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SESSION OF DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: TRANSFER OF RESOURCES, AND FOOD AND AGRICULTURE.

2. SECRETARIAT LISTS SOME RESOURCE TRANSFER ISSUES IT FEELS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MIGHT TAKE UP IN CE/DG(76)26 DAC(76)16 WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON AND WHICH WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED BY DAC ON SEPTEMBER 9. PAPER LISTS SIX ISSUES: (A) ODA TERMS; (B) UNTYING; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCESS TO CAPITAL MARKETS; AND (F) INDEBTEDNESS. FIRST TWO WERE DISCUSSED IN DAC WP/FA ON JULY 19. IT WAS DECIDED TO DISCUSS WHAT FURTHER PROGRESS MIGHT BE MADE IN PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL TERMS FOR POORER LDC'S IN REVISED DAC TERMS RECOMMENDATION AND IN AID UNTYING AT WP/FA MEETING SEPTEMBER 23-24 (SEE OECD PARIS 23096). IN AREA OF GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION, SECRETARIAT SUGGESTS DAC MIGHT CONSIDER BETTER DEFINING CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFYING LDC'S MOST IN NEED OF ODA. ONLY SECRETARIAT SUGGESTION RE IFI'S IS QUOTE STRENGTHENING THE PROVISIONS OF IDA UNQUOTE. OTHER OFFICIAL FLOWS AND PRIVATE FLOWS ARE NOT TOUCHED UPON IN SECRETARIAT PAPER (EXCEPT FOR REFERENCE TO DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORK ON ACCESS TO CAPITAL MARKETS). DEBT QUESTIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT AD HOC MEETING SEPTEMBER 7-8. NO MENTION IS MADE OF POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSING AID RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES OR OPEC-MEMBER AID POLICIES. SINCE RESOURCE TRANSFER ISSUES ARE TO BE DISCUSSED IN DEPTH EARLIER IN WEEK IN DAC AND AD HOC DEBT GROUP, DISCUSSION OF THEM IN NORTH/SOUTH GROUP NEED NOT BE EXTENSIVE.

3. ANNOTATED AGENDA QUOTES WELLENSTEIN'S SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION DISCUSSION OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE IN MARCH. SECRETARIAT LISTS POSSIBLE ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION UNDER FOUR SUB-ITEMS AGREED BY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. MENTIONED UNDER SUB-ITEM 1 ON FOOD PRODUCTION ARE IFAD AND FURTHER INCREASING AID TO THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR (GERMANS HAVE PROPOSED IFAD BE DISCUSSED AT DAC SEPTEMBER 9. SEE OECD PARIS 24575), IMPROVING LENDING CRITERIA FOR REACHING POOREST FARMERS, IMPROVED COORDINATION OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE WITH LDC FOOD-PRODUCTION POLICIES, AND THE ORGANIZATION AND FINANCING OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH. UNDER ITEM 2 ON FERTILIZERS, SECRETARIAT NOTES COMMISSION DISCUSSION WILL CENTER AROUND ALGERIAN-PROPOSAL OUTLINED IN WORKING DOCUMENT CIRCULATED 3/22/76. IT IS ALSO SUGGESTED INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER SUPPLY SCHEME MIGHT BE REVIEWED. UNDER ITEM 3 ON FOOD SECURITY, SECRETARIAT ASKS HOW ISSUE OF WORLD GRAIN RESERVES, INCLUDING THOSE FOR EMERGENCIES, MIGHT BE TREATED IN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDER ITEM 4, FOOD AID, SECRETARIAT NOTES ISSUES OF REACHING 10 MILLION-TON CEREALS TARGET, FORWARD PLANNING, AND GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION.

4. ANNOTATED AGENDA IS BEING FORWARDED TODAY, SEPTEMBER FIRST.
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